

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1070

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Ryan Willis,
2004 Valedictorian of Sevier County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Ryan Willis is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Willis has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Matthew has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, lending his support and leadership to numerous organizations, Mr. Willis is a member of several extracurricular and community activities, including National Honor Society, Beta Club, Sevier County High School Concert Choir, Drama Club, and Sevier County Food Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's accomplishments and promise have been evident during his high school tenure, and he has received numerous local, regional, and national awards, including National Merit Commended Student and "Most Intellectual" in the Senior Superlatives; and

WHEREAS, a talented vocalist, Matthew garnered All-State Choir and All-Region Choir accolades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, which includes plans to attend Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he has received a Choir Stipend and HOPE Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Juanita and William Willis, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Willis' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Matthew Ryan Willis, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.